— Hiring of private practitioners on case-to-case basis.

(b) and (c) The PHCs are run by the State/UT Governments. Under National Rural Health Mission [NRHM], funds are released to States/UTs Governments for upgradation and strenthening of Primary Health Centres. The State/UT Governments are however required to incorporate their requirement in their annual NRHM Programme Implementation Plans.

Appointments in Indian Red Cross Society

872. SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI:
SHRI AMAR SINGH:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a large number of appointments have been made in the Indian Red Cross Society in violation of established norms during the last three years;

(b) if so, the details of such appointments;

(c) whether responsibility for violation of the rule is being fixed on the official concerned; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

FDA in the country

873. SHRIMATI SHOBHANABHARTIA:
PROF. ALKABALRAM KSHATRIYA:
SHRI VIJAY J.DARDA:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether India and United States have recently decided to set up a Food and Drug Authority like regulatory body in India;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the quality of food products and drugs in the country have been found to be most adulterated and not even upto the standards; and

(d) if so, to what extent setting up of a regulatory body with United States is going to check manufacture and sale of sub-standard food products and drugs in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) and (b) No, Sir. A Food Safety and Standards Authority of India is being set up by an Act of Parliament, namely, the Food Safety and Standards Act, 2006 (No. 34 of 2006).

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Question does not arise.

Indo-US Health Summit

874. SHRIMATISYEDAANWARA TAIMUR:
SHRI VIJAY J.DARDA:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that the Indian Medical Council and the Indian Medical Association felt completely ignored during the first-ever Indo-US Health Summit organized in Delhi in December, 2007;

(b) if so, whether such a situation developed due to some vested interest or deliberate lack of communication; and

(c) whether we are maintaining reciprocity while recognizing medical degrees from abroad?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) and (b) As per information available, Indo-US Health Summit organized in December, 2007 was a private meet and there was no inter action at government level.

(c) Under the Indian Medical Council Act, 1956, the Central Government is empowered to recognize foreign medical degrees within the scheme of reciprocity as well as outside such a scheme.

Eradication of various diseases

875. DR. M.A.M. RAMASWAMY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of people suffering from various diseases like tuberculosis, cancer, diabetes, HIV/AIDS and water-borne diseases;

(b) the total number of deaths due to the above diseases during the last three years, year-wise;

(c) the total expenditure incurred by Government on eradication of various diseases including above diseases during the above period, year-wise and disease-wise;

(d) whether Government has assessed the impact of its eradication programmes; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) to (e) Health is a State subject. The Government of India through various National disease control programmes supplement the efforts of the State Governments to control and prevent diseases like Tuberculosis, Cancer, Diabetes, HIV/AIDS and Water-borne diseases in the country. The impact of eradication programmes are discussed at various forums and remedial action taken from time to time. A Statement in this regard is enclosed.